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1. RANGELS UNDERSTAND POSITION OF PRINCIPAL CANDIDATES ON FOREIGN MEDIA INTERVIEWS AND THEREFORE AGREE TO SUBSTITUTION OF KEY FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND/OR POLITICAL ADVISERS AS DISCUSSED IN TELCONS.
2. AS NOTED IN REFTTEL, RANGELS HOST THIS COUNTRY'S MOST IMPORTANT TV INTERVIEW PROGRAM. IT IS FAITHFULLY WATCHED BY KEY VENEZUELAN LEADERS INCLUDING PRESIDENT PEREZ.
3. WE HOPE ROCKEFELLER AND SCRANTON INTERVIEWS ARE STILL ON TRACK AS WELL AS OTHERS AT STATE AND NEW YORK. IF SCHEDULE PERMITS, RANGELS ARE WILLING TO GO TO HARTFORD TO INTERVIEW GOV. GROSSO.
4. ETA STILL SET FOR SEPTEMBER 25. NEWMAN WOULD PLAN ARRIVE THREE DAYS EARLIER TO FINALIZE ARRANGEMENTS WITH IMV ET AL. SUGGEST SAXTON PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO MAKE FIRM SCHEDULE KEEPING IN MIND THAT RANGELS PLAN TO RETURN TO CARACAS OCTOBER 3.

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5. PREFER TO RECORD AS MANY INTERVIEWS AS POSSIBLE ON
VIDEOTAPE EITHER AT IMV STUDIOS OR ON LOCATION. THREE
MICROPHONE SET UP ESSENTIAL (EVEN ON 16MM FILM SHOULD THAT
BE ONLY WAY TO DO THEM).
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